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**Newbury Street**

Like every destination, Newbury Street began under water. Beginning around 1857, the harbor slowly filled itself with dirt, and shortly became what is known as Newbury Street. Newbury Street's [name](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Street_name) celebrates the victory of the [Puritans](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puritan) in the 1643 [Battle of Newbury](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Battle_of_Newbury) in the [English Civil War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Civil_War). Newbury Street is located in the Back Bay of Boston, Massachusetts. It is filled with historic 19th century buildings that contain hundreds of shops, salons and restaurants, which is now a popular tourist spot in Massachusetts. “Newbury Street runs east-to-west beginning from the Boston Public Garden to Mass Ave, full of shopping locations.”(1)

However, the most expensive boutiques are located near the Boston Public Garden. “In the late 1860’s the first building that was built on Newbury Street was the Emmanuel Church.”(2) After the Emmanuel Church was built, around 1905 the first retail shop on Newbury opened, which was the new beginning of one historic shopping area. As the years progressed, Newbury Street has become a hot spot for high class salons and retail.

Newbury Street is by far the place to go in Boston to shop for the trendiest clothing, delicious food, and wonderful hair, makeup and nails, etc. From designer shops, sidewalk cafes, florists, galleries of art and great restaurants, Newbury Street is eight blocks of a wonderful experience. “It appeals to all ages and all types.”(3) The stores on Newbury Street are at all different height levels, several on street level, a few above grounds and some even underground. Newbury has many high end stores, for example Chanel, Armani, Prada, Gucci, and Burberry are all located on Newbury Street. Newbury Street also has pretty decent priced shopping stores as well. Newbury is also filled with mouth-watering restaurants. Some of my favorite restaurants are [Bottega Fiorentina](http://www.newbury-st.com/Boston/25/3010/Restaurants/Bottega_Fiorentina), [Piattini Wine Cafe](http://www.newbury-st.com/Boston/25/882/Restaurants/Piattini_Wine_Cafe), Sonsie, Stephanies, [Ciao Bella](http://www.newbury-st.com/Boston/30/2096/Italian/Ciao_Bella), and [The Jewel of Newbury](http://www.newbury-st.com/Boston/30/2624/Italian/The_Jewel_of_Newbury).

When observing Newbury Street for the first time, from Boston Public Garden to Mass Avenue, there was so much to encounter. My favorite part of Newbury Street was seeing the creativity of all the stores at different levels. The feeling of the stores was rough. Most of the buildings were made out of brick. The signs were very bright so they could catch your eye. I saw a mother trying to take her children’s picture in front of a stunning Christmas tree. Her baby daughter’s screeching cry caught everyone’s attention. There was also a group of gentlemen singing Christmas Carols. There was a large amount of people gathered around the singing men. At that moment, I felt like I was in a friendly and comforting environment. As I continued walking down the jam-packed sidewalks on Newbury Street, I came across hair salons, nail salons, clothing stores, different restaurants, etc; filled with pleased family members, friends, and tourist. The smell of different types of women’s perfume overpowered the smell of the trash bags lying up against the trees. The expressions on the tourist faces were priceless. The tourists were astonished by Newbury Street and all of its becoming. Different conversations filled the air, phones were ringing, shoes were clinking, bags were swishing, baby’s were crying, the wind was blowing. While walking down Newbury Street all I could smell was delicious food. I stopped and ate at a Italian restaurant, Sonsie. The front of the restaurant was filled with these beautiful glass windows. You could open the window all the way down and it made you feel like you were eating outside. Right when you walked in the restaurant they were at your service and sat you down quickly. Sonsie was beautifully designed. My waitress was a good-looking girl who was an awesome server. I ordered a plate of delicious chicken marsala. Once I was finished eating I walked down Newbury Street towards Mass Avenue. I decided to stop at Starbucks and get a coffee. When I walked into Starbucks, located next to Rugby and Best Buy, I saw a little old man sitting by himself drinking a cup of hot chocolate. The smell of the hot chocolate filled the air in Starbucks. It made me feel like I was at home. There were also two girls working. They were giggling behind the counter. Starbucks had warm leather couches with green fulffy pillows on them. Once I sat down I never wanted to get up again. The walls were panited shiny red. It made me feel like Christmas was here. The temperature of Starbucks was just right. The little old man and the two girls looked extremely cousy. The counter was made out of marble. My hot chocolate cup was warm, heating my hands up. I started drinking my hot chocolate and I was on my way. I stopped in the store Rugby, located near the Mass Avenue end of Newbury Street next to Northface and Starbucks. They had stunning clothes for woman. The store was not that big on the inside but it sure consisted of much; shirts, jeans, sweatshirts, sweatpants, glasses, hats, jewelry, etc. I bought myself I pair of jeans. They placed the jeans in this big brown bag. The bag felt like newspaper. When the wind hit off of the bag it made this loud noise. Once I left Rugby, I started walking to my car. On the way to my car I touched a huge tree. The wind was blowing so the leaves were falling down. The tree bark, which was hard and wet, was all over the cement.

Newbury Street shows an individuality and uniqueness that is lacking in so many other commercial districts. Broad sidewalks, storefronts that extend into the sidewalk and street vendors all encourage a wide mix of people to traverse the street. Ultimately, Newbury Street embodies a rich urban and retail environment not often found in American cities. It is a destination certainly worth your further examination.



**Works Cited**

1, 2 = <http://www.newbury-st.com/Boston/History>

3 = <http://www.newburystreetleague.org/html/welcome.html>